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TO: The Commission

FROM: Claudia E. Sainsot, Administrative Law Judge

DATE: March 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Illinois Commerce Commission
On its own Motion

Consideration of the federal Standard on interconnection in
Section 1254 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

RECOMMENDATION: Issue the attached Order authorizing submission of the
attached emergency rule to the Ill. Secretary of State and
commencing the first notice period for the permanent rule.

On August 24, 2007, PA 95-420 became law. Section 16-107.5(j) of that newly-enacted statute requires electric providers (electric utilities or alternative retail electric suppliers) to provide net metering facilities with metering equipment to the public no later than April 1, 2008. (220 ILCS 5/16-107.5(j)). On March 19, 2008, this Commission entered a second notice order regarding Part 465, which concerns net metering.

However, a net meter is only used when an individual or entity that owns generating facilities interconnects to the grid and wishes to sell any excess electricity generated to his or its electricity provider. Therefore, having a rule governing net metering without having a rule governing interconnection may not be very useful to the general public. Accordingly, after extensive workshops, Staff has devised a temporary rule and a permanent rule regarding interconnection. However, as the attached Staff Report indicates, the interconnection rule, Part 466, concerns *any* interconnection, not just the smaller interconnections that the Net Metering Statute, 220 ILCS 5/16-107.5, governs.

The rule regarding interconnection, Part 466, sets forth the general requirements for interconnection. (See, Section 466.50). The rule provides for four different levels with different requirements for each level. In general, the levels are based on the amount of electricity the customer/supplier generates. The attached Staff Report sets forth, in detail, a synopsis of Part 466.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Commission issue the attached Order that submits an emergency rule to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and commences the first notice period.

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